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As sentiment is observed drifting towards the principles of direct legislation faith in the republic and its perpetuation grows stronger.

The attorney general of the United States, says the Atkinson Plain Dealer, has decided that a revenue stamp is not required on a check for a depositor to draw upon his own account, the transaction not being a transfer.

The home builder of this year deplores his luck because he must pay twice as much for glass as he would if he had built last year; but it does not occur to him to pay his respects to a republican administration and the glass trust.

The election of a United States senator will not be the only matter of importance before the Nebraska state legislature. The laws for levying and collecting taxes need to be revised and a more equitable system instituted.—Emerson Enterprise

Did you know that before the issue of war bonds last June wheat sold as high as 82 cents per bushel in Polk county? Have you kept posted on the price of that article since that bond issue. Look it up. There's a prospect of another bond issue. Where'll wheat be then?—Polk County Independent.

The Nebraska Press Association will hold its annual meeting in Omaha on January 24 and 25, and a splendid program is being prepared. Last year there was but one representative of the press present from this section of the state, but if missionary work is worth anything, numerous papers will be represented at the coming meeting. The northwest is always slighted in politics and its resources and people are unknown. We ascribe this to the fact that few of the b'hoys are acquainted in the more populous parts of the state, and when anything is asked for it is deemed a presumption upon our part. If the newspapers would only write and demand recognition they would get it. No part of the state has better papers or more intelligent editors than the northwest, and the writer for one would like to see them all attend the press meeting next month. There's Julian the brilliant; Lyon the philosophical; Heath the persistent; Burleigh the sensational; each as good as any other in the state, but away from the northwest they are not known. We are all working for our section of the state, and nothing could do more good than for us to attend this state meeting and make ourselves felt. Aside from this feature of the case, we will get our outing, can visit the legislature, we improve our minds by brushing them against the bright intellects who assemble at these places, and can look after business affairs in Omaha and other places.

Mr. Bryan in a speech at Lincoln last week said: "I had five months of peace in the army and resigned in order to take part in a fight. I am as much interested in the people of the United States as I am in the people of Cuba, and unless I am mistaken in judgment we are called upon to meet more important problems in the United States just now than will confront our army in Cuba."

"The flag is a national emblem and is obedient to the national will. It was made for the people, not the people for the flag. When the American people want the flag raised, they raise it; when they want it hauled down, they haul it down. The flag was raised upon Canadian soil during the war of 1812 and it was hauled down when peace was restored. The flag was planted upon Chapultepec during the war with Mexico and it was hauled down when the war was over. The morning papers announce that General Lee ordered the flag hauled down in Cuba yesterday, because it was raised too soon. The flag will be raised in Cuba again on the first of January, but the president declares in his message that it will be hauled down as soon as a stable government is established. Who will deny to the people the right to haul the flag down in the Philippines, if they so desire, when a stable government is established there."

"Our flag stands for an indissoluble union of indestructible states. Every state is represented by a star and every territory sees in the constitution a star of hope that will some day take its place in the constellation. What is there in the flag to awaken the zeal or reflect the aspirations of vassal colonies which are too good to be cast away, but not good enough to be admitted to the sisterhood of states?"

"Shall we keep the Philippines and amend our flag? Shall we add a new star—the blood-star, Mars—to indicate that we have entered upon a career of conquest? Or shall we borrow the yellow, which in 1896 was the badge of gold and greed, and paint Saturn and his rings, to suggest a carpet-bag government with its schemes of spoliation? Or shall we adorn our flag with a milky way composed of a multitude of minor stars representing remote and insignificant dependencies?"

"No, a thousand times better to haul down the stars and stripes and substitute the flag of an independent republic than to surrender the doctrines that give glory to 'Old Glory.' It was the flag of our fathers in the years that are gone; it is the flag of a re-united country today; let it be the flag of our nation in the years that are to come. Its stripes of red tell of the blood that was shed to purchase liberty; its stripes of white proclaim the pure and heaven-born purpose of a government which derived its just powers from the consent of the governed. The mission of that flag is to float—not over a conglomeration of common-wealths and colonies—but over 'the land of the free and the home of the brave,' and to that mission it must remain forever true—forever true."

Live Stock Notes.

Live stock should not be allowed to shrink in weight during the winter; it is lost ground that costs much to recover title to.

The Denver Stockman in speaking of the shortage of cattle says it will not take so long to replenish the stock as has generally been supposed. While the shortage is generally admitted under the new order of things, the breeding herds are given a better opportunity and the danger of loss is much less.

The Denver Daily Live Stock Record says: If a live stock exchange is organized we hope there will be a rule adopted forbidding commission men giving out false quotations. We do not wish to infer that all the commission firms quote falsely, as they do not, but there are firms who very seldom give the right prices.

Frank Friend, one of the prominent cattlemen of Wyoming, says: "In regard to the cattle situation it is very encouraging. It is my opinion that prices will be higher next year than this. It is a fact that there are 25 per cent less cattle on feed throughout the feeding states than there was last year. This indicates that there is apt to be a shortage next year, that the supply is not equal to the demand."

In referring to the cattle market at Havana, Mr. James, of Texas, who has just returned from a shipment of 500 beeves to that point, says "there is not much of a market in Havana yet, as things are decidedly uncertain and shippers stand about equal chances of making or losing on their cattle." Mr. James says the South American countries are heavy shippers, and send into Cuba a great many more cattle than are exported from Texas. Mexico is also a heavy exporter of cattle through the port at Tampico.

The Drovers' Journal calls attention to the fact that a few years ago the demand for feeding cattle from eastern buyers was very good, and Chicago sellers could count on a good season's business with these thrifty farmers. Now it is very different. For the past three years there has been hardly any inquiry from this source, owing chiefly to the fact that Canadian cattle could be obtained in abundance at eastern markets, and at lower figures than western cattle sold for, plus the difference in freight.

The number of Texas cattle fed at home this year will be greater than for a long time, declares the Chicago Drovers' Journal. The rule that no cattle can be shipped from below the quarantine line except such as pass a rigid inspection, or have been dipped under government supervision, has been a disappointment both to northern buyers and southern sellers. The result is that Texas stockmen will do their own feeding this year, a thing they can do as successfully as anybody. Feed is fortunately abundant in Texas, and a better opportunity never presented itself to Texas stockmen to show their northern friends what they can do.

A Cheyenne dispatch says: Reports from the northern ranges show very severe conditions with prospective heavy losses of sheep and cattle. Many cowboys, sheep herders and ranchmen have also suffered from frozen faces, ears, toes and fingers. Last Thursday morning the thermometer registered 20 degrees below zero, and during the previous night it dropped to 24. Sheepmen are inclined to believe that many of their herders will abandon their flocks to seek shelter from the fearful weather, and thousands of sheep will suffer. The range is covered with hard, crusty snow, making it impossible for the stock at present out on the range to secure feed.

According to the best information obtainable Nebraska is about 40 per cent short on sheep this year. The big sheep feeders in that state are now happy that they didn't put in a large supply, for it looks as if the man with the most sheep would lose the most money. Iowa feeders were liberal buyers this year, and the increase in this state will fully balance the deficiency in Nebraska and elsewhere. If feeders are forced to let go on account of high priced feed there will be a big shrinkage in various bank accounts, but those who can hold on till the rush of half-fat stock is over may have a chance to come out all right.—Chicago Drovers' Journal.

While it is true, says the National Stockman, that many consignments of half-fat cattle are sent to market during the month of December by those who are compelled to sell in order to obtain ready cash, there is no doubt that many stockmen in comfortable financial circumstances ship in such stock simply because it is harder to fatten cattle during the winter season. Certainly the receipts during this month have consisted chiefly of cattle that have not been fed long enough, and many were evidently not of good quality to start with. It is always the case that a great many "dried up" and unfinished cattle are rushed on the market at this season of the year when cold weather interferes with their putting on flesh properly, but, for some reason, fewer good fat beeves, have been received than in former years. Of course the receipts of Christmas cattle have reached considerable proportions, but they form a small proportion after all of the entire cattle receipts, and there are certainly decidedly fewer good cattle ready to come to market and in advanced preparation than in most former years. Under such circumstances it seems pretty certain that choice cattle will sell high for a good while to come, and therefore feeders will find it profitable to make their stock fat and as prime as possible.

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